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We hope you will consider the RSPB when organising your science curriculum this year. Our aim is to offer your pupils compelling learning experiences outside the classroom.

RSPB Living Classrooms at Whitlingham Country Park offer a range of outdoor education programmes for EYFS, KS1 and KS2.

Our experienced team of professional field teachers would be delighted to discuss with you our programme of activities.

Field Trip Programmes

With an inspiring range of activities we can help you plan your summer field trip and target appropriate aspects of the science curriculum. We aim to make your visit as exciting and rewarding for the children and teachers as possible. We have a spacious indoor classroom, a good range of resources, and excellent fenced outdoor education areas. Our programmes aim to be flexible to ensure we inspire pupils and meet your requirements. All our activities are risk assessed, curriculum-linked and carefully designed to complement the work done in schools.

EYFS & KS1

Children are offered first-hand experiences of natural places, creatures and habitats through a series of innovative sensory activities, as well as opportunities to pond dip, minibeast in different habitats, and birdwatch. These activities are linked to outcomes for EYFS and KS1.

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Our programmes are linked to the national curriculum and offer a range of activities linked to the National Curriculum including life processes and living things, habitat exploration, plants and animals in the local environment, helping plants grow, using keys to identify plants and animals and identifying food chains.



Outreach Programme

We can also offer a varied outreach programme throughout the Spring and Autumn terms, and can work with whole year groups through School Assemblies, or with individual classes. Our exciting range of wildlife topics including Robins, Owls, Sumatra Rain Forest, Bird Beaks & Adaptation, Schools Birdwatching and many more....

To help your class get ready for their Whitlingham field trip we can organise a pre visit where we provide a range of preparatory activities and games to get everyone inspired. We can also organise post Whitlingham visits to follow up their practical learning experiences and extend their wildlife knowledge. Either way we can be adaptable to meet your needs, offering environmental games and outdoor activities.

Are you getting the most out or your Wildlife Area?

The RSPB can offer you practical support and ideas to ensure you and the children get the very best out of your wildlife area. We can visit your site and provide a range of KS1 & KS2 activities to suit your wildlife area.

What is the cost?

We do not aim to make a profit. Our charges are to cover the cost of running the schemes. A visit to Whitlingham Country Park costs £5.00 per child for a full day and £3.80 for a half day. Please call to discuss outreach costs.

Further Information

To find out more about environmental education with the RSPB and at Whitlingham Country Park, please phone RSPB Field Teacher, Mrs Tina Anderson on 01603 429901 or email <u>Tina.Anderson@rspb.org.uk.</u>

You may like to visit http://www.rspb.org.uk/school_visits/non_rspbreserves/whitlingham.asp

Here are some of the comments made by teachers following their previous visits:

"We had a brilliant day the activities were well led and engaging......"

"A fantastic day with all the activities pitched really well for the children in terms of length and content. The children stayed focused......brilliant!!!"

In 2009 we were awarded a "very good" by the Field Studies Council for our learning outside the classroom programme.